

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2005-385-E - ORDER NO. 2013-507

JULY 2, 2013

IN RE: Petition of the Office of Regulatory Staff to) ORDER GRANTING
Establish Dockets to Consider Implementing) RECONSIDERATION OF
the Requirements of Section 1251 (Net) DENIAL OF
Metering and Additional Standards) of the) INTERVENTION AND
Energy Policy Act of 2005) SETTING WORKSHOP

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the Petition for Reconsideration of a denial of intervention filed by the South Carolina Coastal Conservation League (“CCL”). On May 10, 2013, CCL filed a Petition to Intervene Out of Time in this Docket. The Petition was denied on May 22, 2013, in Order No. 2013-345, which noted that the original return date in this Docket was January 2, 2007, and that the existing parties had been involved with the case for over six years. Further, we held that allowing intervention at this late date would be contrary to the orderly processing of the case.

In its Petition, CCL requests reconsideration of its Petition to Intervene Out of Time, and states that at the time of the return date in this Docket, January 2, 2007, CCL was not actively engaged in advocacy on energy issues. Since that time, CCL states that it has added Staff and developed expertise on energy issues, and that it is now actively involved before the Commission. CCL also points out that Order No. 2009-552 called for a four year review, which is now almost due, and that this Commission would benefit

from CCL's views in this matter. CCL further states that no party would be prejudiced by allowing the late intervention.

Upon reconsideration, we hold that the CCL Petition for Reconsideration states good reasons for allowing CCL to intervene out of time. Because the current procedure that the Commission is pursuing is not an adversarial one, intervention at this point in the Docket does not prejudice any party. Accordingly, we hereby grant reconsideration, and hold that the CCL Petition to Intervene Out of Time is also granted.

In Order No. 2013-238, this Commission requested that it be informed as to the parties' views on how the Commission should proceed in this Docket. In Order 2013-345, we held that allowable ex parte proceedings should be requested so that we could review the progress of net metering in South Carolina. However, we now hold that a workshop should be scheduled instead of allowable ex parte proceedings in order to proceed with our four-year review of the program and gather information in a more efficient manner. Staff is directed to Issue a Notice of Workshop that indicates that the Workshop is scheduled for 10:00 AM on Thursday, September 12, 2013, in the offices of the Commission. Any party desiring to participate in the workshop must prefile its testimony or presentation with this Commission. The Notice scheduling the hearing shall contain dates for the prefiling of direct and responsive statements, if necessary.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:



Nikiya Hill, Vice Chairman

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